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Friday - 25 April 1969

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1. [REDACTED] This morning, before 8:00 A. M., Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, phoned me at home to say that Senator Henry M. Jackson, now in New York, had called last night to express concern over word being leaked to the press regarding the SS-9. According to Miss Fosdick, Senator Jackson has been told by press friends that opponents of the U. S. ABM system are circulating word that the intelligence community has only recently--since December--been describing the SS-9 as designed primarily to hit hard targets. Miss Fosdick said Senator Jackson was sure this was not the case but he wished a briefing on the subject, including a review of past estimates dealing with the SS-9, when he returns to Washington on Tuesday. Miss Fosdick will call us next week to set a time.

Later in the morning, I called Miss Fosdick to say that on checking records of the Director's testimony, I could confirm that just one year ago--testifying before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee on 9 April 1968--he had described the SS-9 as suitable for attacking hardened targets.

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2. [REDACTED] Mr. Arnold Brustein, in the office of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), called to check the status of the briefing for Senator Nelson which he had discussed with [REDACTED] earlier in the week. He said the Senator may at any time ask him about the status of the arrangements for the briefing and I said we would be back in touch before the close of the day.

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3. [REDACTED] Received a call from Lacey Gude, in the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), who requested a personnel interview for [REDACTED] After making the arrangements with the Office of Personnel, I advised Lacey Gude that the interview was scheduled for 10:00 A. M. this morning.

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Thursday - 24 April 1969

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] This afternoon [REDACTED] and I stopped by to see Mr. William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee, and I gave a brief rundown on the Director's appearance yesterday before the International Organization and Disarmament Affairs Subcommittee of Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I said the Director, in his prepared statement, had carefully avoided going beyond the conclusions covered in his previous briefings of the Agency Subcommittees, or getting into sensitive or controversial details. I mentioned that the Director had been questioned on whether the community had ever estimated regarding the Soviet first-strike capability, and had replied that in the preparation of National Estimates we stuck to what was indicated by available evidence and this did not permit conclusions as to what the situation might be a number of years hence--for example in the late 1970's.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Mr. Woodruff confided that it now appears that the Administration cannot win on the ABM issue and if it came up today the Safeguard project would be defeated by at least four or five votes. Woodruff feels it was unfortunate that Laird and Packard had gotten so far "out on a limb" and it would have been much better to have Foster and Starbird carry the ball. Woodruff remarked that Secretary Rogers' comment on the subject had been exactly right.

Woodruff said he had personally tried to get Senator Russell to "back off" when he realized the probable outcome.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] In response to his request, on behalf of Senator Henry M. Jackson, Mr. Richard Brown, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, was kept informed of the ticker items regarding the closing of the Chinese Communist Party meeting.

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Tuesday - 22 April 1969

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1. [REDACTED] George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called again on statements made on the ABM situation. This time Murphy was interested in any elaboration which I could give on Secretary Roger's statement last night regarding the Soviet testing of the SS-9. After checking with [REDACTED] of OSI, I reviewed with Murphy pertinent points regarding the Soviet tests of 18 and 19 April.

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Later in the day, Murphy called and left a message regarding comment on the "West German espionage story" in the New York Times. I have discussed this with [REDACTED] I have not been back in touch with Murphy on this.

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2. [REDACTED] Accompanied [REDACTED] who briefed Representative Ogden Reid (R., N. Y.) on the Middle East and touched on certain highlights of current events. (See [REDACTED] Memo for the Record.)

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3. [REDACTED] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and finalized the arrangements for the Gore Subcommittee briefing by the Director on Wednesday, 23 April, in the main committee room S116 of the Capitol. Mr. Kuhl confirmed the previous listing of staff personnel who are expected to be present and advised that Mr. William Miller, of Senator John Sherman Cooper's (R., Ky.) staff, would not be present.

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4. [REDACTED] Talked to Mr. Francis Matchett, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. Mr. Matchett advised that the Subcommittee would be meeting on Thursday. He also noted that Chairman Henderson might well take up his new draft bill on protection of the constitutional rights of Federal employees with the Subcommittee at that time. No copies of the draft are available as yet.

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